

ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE PROFILING OF *SALMONELLA ENTERICA* DISTINCT SEROTYPES ISOLATED FROM PORK IN SÃO PAULO

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Introduction

Salmonellosis still is one of the most important worldwide zoonosis due to its high endemicity, mortality, and difficulty in control (Stevens et al., 2009). In the São Paulo city, different realities regarding good production practices and quality control of animal products coexists, especially when considering points of direct consumer sales. The aim of this study was to evaluate the antimicrobial resistance profiles of *Salmonella enterica* distinct serotypes isolated from pork in São Paulo.

Material and methods

A total of 60 *Salmonella enterica* strains were studied. The strains were isolated from pork cuts sold in butchers and small markets distributed among five regions of São Paulo city during the period of 2013 to 2016. The strains were submitted to antimicrobial resistance profiling by broth microdilution technique according to CLSI (2016) using Sensititre® standard susceptibility MIC plate EUVSEC (TREK Diagnostic Systems/Thermo Fisher Scientific). The strains were also serotyped through slide agglutination (Popoff, 1998). The association among strains origin, serotype and resistance profile was assessed through cluster analysis using Bionumerics 7.6 (Applied Maths NV).

Results

The most prevalent identified serotypes were Typhimurium (33.3%), London (26.7%) and Brandenburg (10.0%), followed by Schwaenzengrund (8.3%), Derby (8.3%), Infantis (6.7%) and Javiana (6.7%). Only three markets were positive for more than one serotype. All strains were resistant to azithromycin and 98.3% to sulfamethoxazole; 55% of strains were classified as multiresistant (Tables 1 and 2). Resistance profiles cluster analysis enabled differentiation of two main groups: one group (A) comprising 28 strains presenting resistance to four to eight antimicrobial classes, and the other (group B) composed mostly by strains resistant to only two antimicrobial classes (Figure 1).

Table 1. MIC range, MIC₅₀, MIC₉₀, resistance rates and applied breakpoints against tested antibiotics.

Antimicrobial	MIC range ¹	MIC ₅₀	MIC ₉₀	Resistance N (%)	MIC breakpoints		
					S	I	R
Ampicillin	1 – 64	4	> 64	30 (50,0)	≤ 8	16	≥ 32
Cefotaxime	0,25 - 4	≤ 0,25	0,5	0	≤ 1	2	≥ 4
Ceftazidime	0,5 – 8	≤ 0,5	1	0	≤ 4	8	≥ 16
Colistin	1 – 16	≤ 1	≤ 1	1 (1,7)	-	-	≥ 4
Meropenem	0,03 – 16	≤ 0,03	≤ 0,03	0	≤ 1	2	≥ 4
Tetracycline	2 – 64	4	> 64	24 (40,0)	≤ 4	8	≥ 16
Tigecycline *	0,25 – 8	≤ 0,25	0,5	0	≤ 2	4	≥ 8
Gentamicin	0,5 – 32	1	> 32	10 (16,7)	≤ 4	8	≥ 16
Azithromycin	2 – 64	> 64	> 64	60 (100)	≤ 16	-	≥ 32
Chloramphenicol	8 – 128	16	> 128	25 (41,7)	≤ 8	16	≥ 32
Nalidixic acid	4 – 128	≤ 4	> 128	13 (21,7)	≤ 16	-	≥ 32
Ciprofloxacin	0,015 – 8	0,03	0,5	3 (5,0)	≤ 0,06	0,12 – 0,5	≥ 1
Trimethoprim	0,25 – 32	0,5	> 32	9 (15,0)	≤ 8	-	≥ 16
Sulfamethoxazole	8 - 1024	> 1024	> 1024	59 (98,3)	≤ 256	-	≥ 512

1 Sensititre™ EUVSEC MIC plate antimicrobials range. * Tigecycline breakpoint retrieved from FDA document NDA 21-821/S-016.

Table 2. Strain distribution according to resistance profile and isolation year.

Resistance profile	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
≤ 2 classes	8	7	12	-	27
3 - 4 classes	1	4	1	-	6
≥ 5 classes	-	18	5	4	27
Total	9	29	18	4	60

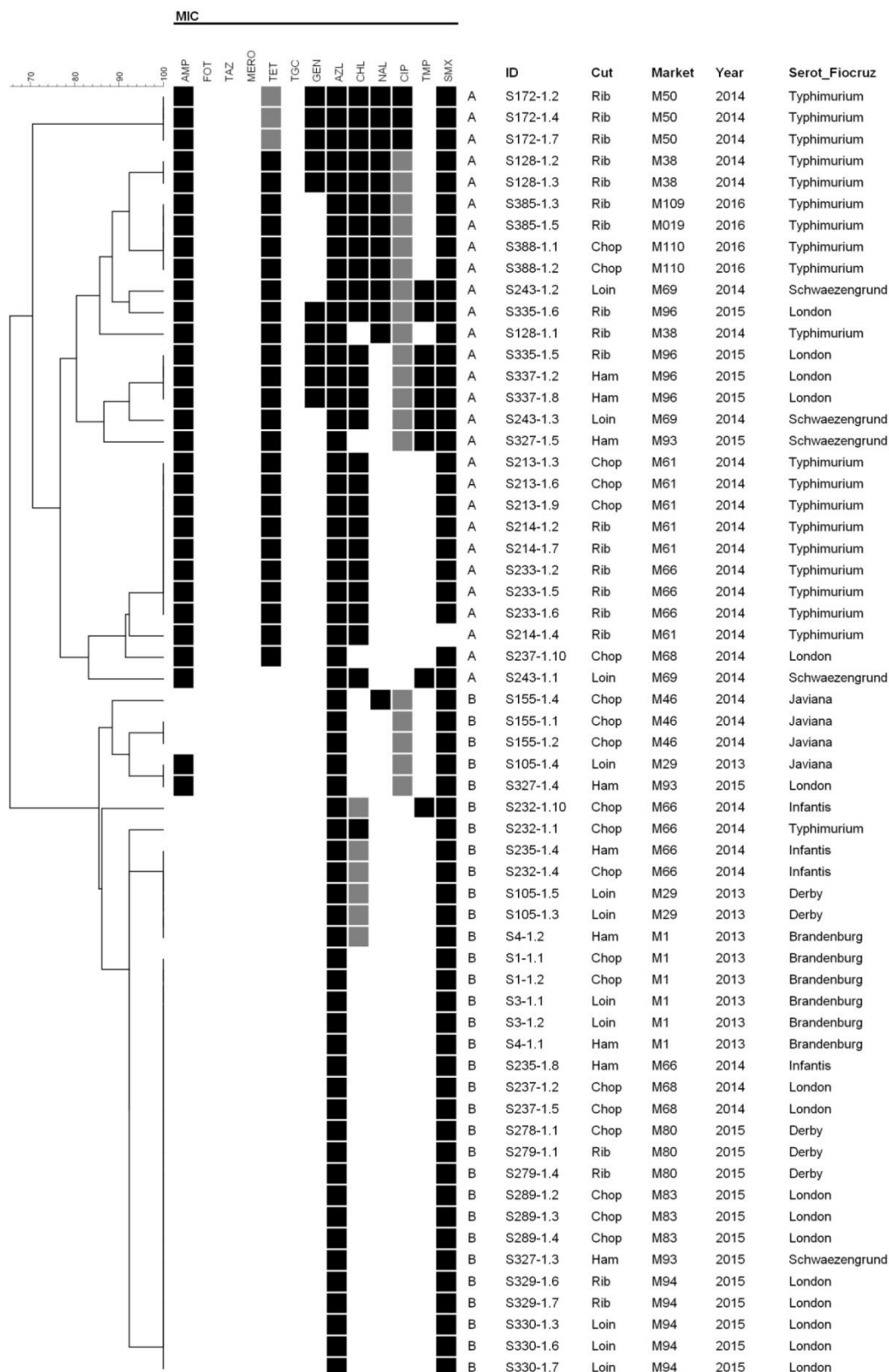


Figure 1. Dendrogram showing the relationship among the *Salmonella* serotypes resistance profiles.

The multiresistant group A comprised strains of serotypes Typhimurium, London and Schwaезengrund, while the Brandenburg, Derby, Infantis and Javiana serotypes were associated to strains with increased sensitivity profile (group B). No further relation between strains resistance profiles and origin, including isolation year, was observed.

The multiresistant strains were characterized as resistant to ampicillin, chloramphenicol and tetracycline, and presented variable resistance to gentamicin, nalidixic acid, trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole and ciprofloxacin. The high resistance rates to antimicrobials traditionally indicated for human salmonellosis treatment and especially azithromycin, demand attention to the multiresistance dissemination in pork and its risks and implications to public health.

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